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SUMMARY EMBOFFS URGED FONOFF REPS THAT GOJ TAKE TIMELY DECISION TO
ENABLE PM MIKI DURING WASHINGTON VISIT TO MAKE FIRM COMMITMENT OF
100 MILLION DOLLARS JAPANESE NON-PROJECT
AID IN CY 75. FONOFF REPS SAID
FONOFF DOING BEST BUT QUESTION STILL UNDER DISCUSSION AT MINISTERIAL
LEVEL BETWEEN FONOFF AND FIANCE MINISTRY. FONOFF ANTICIPATES
DESION ONE WAY OR OTHER WILL BE TAKEN NEXTU DAY OR TWO. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY VERY MUCH APPRECIATES PROMPT RESPONSES TO REF D
AND CITATIONS IN RESPONSES TO DEPT'S EARLIER EXDIS CABLES.
2. ON AUGUST 1, DRAWING ON REF A, EMBASSY URGED DEMARCHE TO
FONOFF REPS (ISHII, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC
COOPERATION BUREAU, AND SEZAKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FIRST ECONOMIC
COOPERATION DIVISION THAT GOJ MAKE DECISION PRIOR TO MIKI-FORD
MEETING AUGUST 5 TO ENABLE MIKI TO CONFIRM WHEN IN WASHINGTON
THAT JAPAN WILL CONTRIBUTE 100 MILLION DOLLARS IN NON-PROJECT
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AID TO EGYPT DURING CY 75. OTHER POINTS CONTAINED REF A WERE
ALSO STRESSED. ADDITIONALLY, EMBOFFS REVIEWED WITH FONOFF REPS
JULY 10 IBRD MEETING REPORTED REF E TO ENSURE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF
POINTS MADE THEN. FINALLY, EMBOFFS CONVEYED INFO CONTAINED

REF C IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER FONOFF QUESTIONS, FOR WHICH
FONOFF REPS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S PRESENTATION, ISHII RESPONDED AS
FOLLOWS: FONOFF HAS BEEN DOING BEST AND IS CONTINUING EFFORTS SO
THAT PM MIKI WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE FIRM COMMITMENT ON OCASSION
OF WASHINGTON VISIT. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FONOFF AND FINANCE MINISTRY
(MOF) ON THIS QUESTION HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AND WILL CONTINUE AT
MIYAZAWA-OHIRA (IE MINISTERIAL) LEVEL. IN A WORD, TIMING IS VERY
VERY BAD FOR GOJ IN THAT GOJ REVENUES ARE DOWN AND BUDGET
DEFICIT INCREASING AS RESULT OF PRESENT RECESSION, AND THREE
REVENUE BILLS FAILED TO PASS RECENT DIET. FACT THAT PROMPT AND
FAVORABLE GOJ DECISION WOULD ENCOURAGE EUROPEAN DONORS TO MOVE
FORWARD QUICKLY. UNFORTUNATELY, MOF IS VERY INTERESTED IN
GERMAN RESPONSE TO USG APPEAL FOR AID, FEELING THAT FRG'S INTERESTS
IN EGYPT ARE AT LEAST AS GREAT AS THOSE OF JAPAN AND
THEREFORE WISHING TO SEE GERMANY MOVE FIRST. INFO CONVEYED BY
EMBOFFS RE FRENCH, UN, AND OTHER SMALL EUROPEAN DONORS IS
VAULUABLE AND WILL BE HELPFUL TO FONOFF IN PERSUADING MOF. IN
ORDER TO HAVE DECISION IN TIME FOR MIKI VISIT, SAID ISHII, IT
WILL BE NECESSARY TO COME TO THIS DECISION WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO.
ISHII UNDERTOOK TO INFORM EMBASSY WHEN DECISION MADE.

4. RE TERMS, THOSE QUOTED REF A (E.E. 3.5-25-7) WERE THOSE ORIGINALLY
OFFERED EGYPTIANS IN FEBRUARY 1974. SEXAKI SAID TERMS OF CY 75
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WOULD BE NO BETTER AND POSSIBLY NOT AS GOOD.
SEZAKI ALSO SAID THAT SINCE EARLIER REQUEST BY GOE OFFICIAL TO
VISITING GOJ TRANSPORTATION VICE MINISTER ON OCCASION OF SUEZ CANAL
REOPENING THAT JAPAN PROVIDE 200 MILLION DOLLARS IN AID, GOE AND GOJ
HAVE NOT DISCUSSED QUESTION FURTHER. FINALLY SEZAKI CONFIRMED IN
RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUERY THAT FONOFF HAS NO OUTSTANDING
QUESTIONS TO WHICH IT AWAITS ANSWERS FROM USG. EMBOFF'S
ASSURED HIM USG REAMINED WILLING TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL
NECESSARY INFO IN RESPONSE TO GOJ REQUESTS.

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